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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: COURT CASE AGAINST SABENA

1.ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN PRESS REPORT (ATTRIBUTED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS),THE BELGIAN AIRLINES,SABENA,AND ITS CINCINNATI SALES MANAGER,GUS VASILADIS,ARE BEING TRIED IN CINCINNATI ON CHARGES BROUGHT BY THE U.S.GOVERNMENT OF ILLEGAL REBATES ON SCHEDULED TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS.THE CASE CONCERNS A GROUP FLIGHT OF 53 PERONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BRUSSELS.THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO THE US PROSECUTOR,THE UNIVERSITY PAID THE NORMAL PRICE -- DOLS 20,600 -- AND LATER RECEIVED A REFUND FROM MR VASILADIS OF DOLS 4,081.JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS WERE SEHEDULED TO OPEN ON JANUARY 11, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

2.WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDING,AND ANY AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION,SINCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT BELGIAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WILL BE ASKING US ABOUT THIS MATTER.
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